Sl. No.	Year	Funds Released	Total funds available	Funds Utilized	Balance
2.	1999-2000	138.60	138.60+3.13	115.52	26.21
3.	2000-2001	134.19	134.19+26.21	165.10	—4.69
4.	2001-2002	121.27	121.27—4.69	107.95	8.62
5.	2002-2003	49.75	49.75+8.62	Utilisation Certificate awaited	
6.	2003-2004	148.93	8.62+49.75 +148.93	Utilisation Certificate awaited	

Note:—The Surplus/deficit of the previous years is adjusted in the releases of the subsequent years.

Joint working groups on terrorism

*405. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have set up joint working groups on terrorism; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) During the visit of His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, to India from 3—5 December 2002, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in Combating Terrorism. This MoU was signed on 4 December 2002. The MoU provides for cooperation between the two countries on exchange of information on terrorist groups and about possible terrorist acts, also for cooperation directed towards prevention and investigation of Terrorist Acts. Under this MoU, the two countries have set up a Joint Working Group on Combating International Terrorism. The Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation are the nodal Ministries of this Working Group. The Joint Working Group includes representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs and other concerned agencies. The first meeting of the Group is scheduled to be held later this year.